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Gunman shoots two, kills self in Gowanus

Quiet morning. A 54-year-old man who reportedly was applying for a job at a factory in Gowanus, Brooklyn, opened fire on Monday, seriously wounding two people who were there. **Short standoff.** Police said that the gunman barricaded himself inside of the building before then deciding to take his own life. PAGE D2





NYC streets

City dumps on alternate side parking relief

The city's Sanitation Department trashed a proposal by the City Council on Monday to loosen alternate side parking rules that result in more than 1 million tickets to car owners citywide.

Currently, stretches of streets are closed for at least 90 minutes on designated days for sweepers to pass by, sometimes twice. Often, drivers wait out the trucks before moving their cars back to the curbside.

Last year, the city issued almost 1.3 million parking violation summonses.

Representatives from the Sanitation Department said the proposal would lead to confusion if residents aren't aware of how many passes a sweeper intends to make.

"Our prime objective is to get the street cleaned, period," assistant chief of cleaning Paul Visconti said.

Alec Slatky of AAA New York said the city should heed drivers' concerns.

"It's not easy, and nothing is so simple or straightforward," Slatky said, "but it's clearly just about bureaucratic inertia." CHESTER JESUS SORIA





Get your furniture at this pair's home

For sale. A couple of furniture dealers have turned their Bed-Stuy home into a showcase.

Forget "working from home" — for Rayon Roskar and Ellie Kim, their work actually is their home, as well as their daily passion. The duo, with credentials in restoration and art history, reside in their Bed-Stuy apartment which doubles as a storeroom for their furniture restoration business, a setup they have dubbed a "living gallery."

Every item in the living space is a restored piece of furniture that is



Visit Metro.us to see photos of the apartment in Bed-Stuy.

for sale, minus the bed and a handful of clothing in the apartment's bedroom partition. The duo met at a design fair in Switzerland and their space specializes in European design pieces from the 1930s to 1980s.

"We keep our storeroom and our home as you see it at all times, just because Ellie and I are both very tidy and minimal ... we own what we need," Roskar said.

"The way we work matches with our personalities, it's how we grew up, so it's innate to us ... I never really thought about it, it was so natural," Kim added.

To make sure that everything is nice and tidy, customers must make an appointment to drop by to see the furniture.

According to Roskar, living with a piece imbues it with "the characteristic of the people, of the room, of whoever's handling it."

They have only one strict rule for items they acquire: They must love it.

"If you can't sell it you'd

"If you can't sell it, you'd better love it, because you have to live with it," Roskar

Sign of design

The motive for merging a workspace with a living space is economical, as it cuts down on expensive gallery overhead and transportation costs, Roskar said.

- It is a practice common among furniture dealers in Geneva, where their business was born.
- When a client visits they can see not only what an item looks like, but also how it can be displayed and cared for, the couple said.

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Barricade. Gunman shoots two, kills himself in Gowanus factory

A man inquiring about a job at a Gowanus factory on Monday shot two workers and barricaded himself in the building before killing himself, cops said.

The two victims were hospitalized with critical wounds, a Fire Department Spokesperson said.

The incident began after 11 a.m. when Cameron Waithe, 54, shot two people and barricaded

Quoted

"I saw him put the gun to the worker's chest and shoot."

Tabakin

himself inside C&A Iron Works, the NYPD said.

He then shot himself, police said.

Dmitry Tabakin, a plant

worker, told the New York Daily News that the gunman seemed calm before he opened fire.

Gilbert Sanchez, who works at Franco Belli Plumbing & Heating & Sons, a nearby business, said that the shooting had thrown the neighborhood into upheaval.

"The streets have been barred pretty much all day," he said. METRO, REUTERS

Burger blues

Flagship Shake Shack plans renovations

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The Madison Square Park Shake Shack will close later this year for renovations, director of marking and communications Edwin Bragg said. The exact time is to be determined.

"The renovations will not shut down the public park, but the Shack will be



closed for approximately five months, hopefully in the winter," Bragg said. ANNA SANDERS

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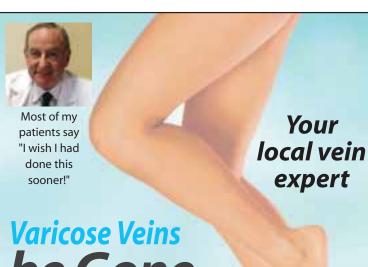
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Subway wireless coverage ranked by train route

Connect. A study conducted through 12 routes found that the city's subways are still dead zones.

New York City's subways are still wireless dead zones, a new study found.

As the Metropolitan Transportation **Author**ity moves to improve reception on subway platforms, cell phone and Wi-Fi coverage is still lacking underground, according to a study by benchmarking firm Global Wireless Solutions, Inc.

Engineers with the firm performed mobile benchmarking tests while riding 12 subway routes in Manhattan over three days in early May and found that network coverage was generally

Global Wireless Solutions CEO Paul Carter said the poor results weren't surprising, but that straphangers are eager for better cell service underground.

"We expect it every-where now," he said.

spokesman MTA Adam Lisberg said the survey is misleading in no small part because the century-old subway tunnels have never been wired for subway service.

This alleged study by an out-of-state company is flawed from the getgo," Lisberg said. "They tried to measure cell

Ranking mobile data on the subway

The rankings were determined by averaging success rates of uploads and downloads from network benchmark tests completed by Global Wireless Solutions along Manhattan subway routes.



Transit Wireless has outfitted 47 stations for Wi-Fi and cell service and hopes to have all 277 underground stations connected by 2017.

Installing antennas inside the stations is difficult, but it would be harder to put them in subway tunnels used round-the-clock.



to read about the MTA's "reinvention commission."

Great expectations

"We expect it everywhere now."

Paul Carter, Global Wireless Solutions

service in subway stations that aren't wired for cell service - this is like trying to measure the strength of sunscreen at midnight."

Carter acknowledged that cell reception is spotty or nonexistent on subway trains because most underground platforms aren't wired for coverage.

"The point is to understand where it is today,' Carter said.



Under arrest

Father charged with murder of 8-year-old son

Investigators charged a father in the death of his son after the young boy was found dead in their Queens home Sunday.

According to police, officers arrived at the Fresh

Meadows home at 10:10 p.m. after receiving a call about what they said was an emotionally disturbed person.

Inside, they found an 8-year-old boy unconscious and unresponsive in his bed. The boy's 41-year-old father, identified as Boujeke Kenmoe, was found nearby, bleeding from reportedly

self-inflicted injuries to his

Emergency workers declared the boy dead at the scene. Police said the mother was not at home when the boy was killed.

By late Monday morning, police said Kenmoe was arrested and charged with second-degree murder. **CHESTER JESUS SORIA**

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Best places in the city to watch the US vs. Belgium

Goal. These places have you covered for the big game.

World Cup fever will sweep the Big Apple on Tuesday as fans will search for a spot to cheer on the U.S. as they face Belgium at 4 p.m.

For U.S. fans, Jack Demsey's at 36 W. 33rd Street in Midtown will open at 1:30 p.m. During the last U.S. match, people began lining up at 6 a.m., and by noon the line was at the end of the block, said Jack Demsey owner Enda Keenan.

In Brooklyn, the Lonestar Bar & Grill at 8703 5th Avenue, is the home of the American Outlaws NYC chapter. The group was formed to support the U.S. National Soccer Team.

Those who would pre-



Super fans

"We're the HQ for the American Outlaws, so its always crazy for the U.S. games."

Ashley Andreassen, head bartender, Lonestar Bar & Grill

fer to watch the game outside can head to DUMBO in Brooklyn, where the match will stream on a big screen under the Manhattan Bridge.

New York City also offers choices for Belgium fans such as BXL Café and BXL East in Manhattan.

"We've stopped taking reservations because of demand," said BXL Café manager Daniel Kurkowski.

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Mural honors slain teen

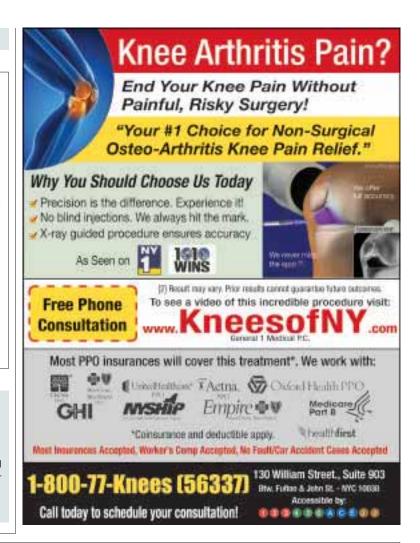
Community members aathered at the corner of Linden Boulevard and Cleveland Street in East New York on Monday to honor Tanaya Copeland, an 18-year-old who was stabbed to death on May 30. Local musician Tv Black organized the event. She brought in graffiti artist Louis Rivera and his SIC Crew to create a mural of Tanaya, on a building blocks from where her body was found, "It feels great to know how much the community cares." Tanava's mother. Rochelle Copeland said, Police have not made an arrest in the CASE. / JOSEPH SOUZA METRO

Out of tragedy

New anti-qun violence group forms in NYC

Brooklyn City Councilman Jumaane Williams gathered with a coalition of elected and community leaders on Monday to announce the creation of the National Network to Combat Gun Violence, which is designed to connect local legislators from more than 20 cities, including Chicago

and Los Angeles, to reduce gun violence. By Monday morning, there were at least 20 shootings reported over the weekend throughout the city, including at least three killed. CHESTER JESUS SORIA



Club Getaway: Summer Camp for Grownups.

My best friends and I have almost nothing in common. I'm a total Type A adrenaline junkie. Katie is laid back and loves to be pampered. And Claire just wants to party all the time. But somehow all of our differences are what make us so great together. Except when it comes to taking a vacation.

Every year we've tried to find the perfect trip for all three of us, where I can be active and adventurous, Katie can work on her tan and Claire can dance till dawn. But somebody always ended up bored.



"Hiking, biking, kayaking, trapeze, rock climbing, tennis, golf, wine tasting.. all in one weekend!"

Just as we were about to give up, I found the vacation we were looking for in Club Getaway, a "Summer Camp for Grown-Ups". We called and made a reservation for the following

Katie, Claire and I met up in Manhattan the following Friday to hop on the 90-minute chartered bus ride to Club Getaway, in the Berkshire Mountains.

At Club Getaway I took lessons in rock climbing and the flying trapeze, went mountain biking and even learned to water ski. I won't lie and say I was the most graceful water skier you've ever seen, but I did manage to stay up after three tries - and having a cute Australian instructor didn't hurt either.





Club Getaway, a weekend sports and adventure resort, is located in the Berkshire Mountains of Kent, CT, just 90 minutes from NYC by car or Getaway Bus.

Katie spent most of her time just lounging by the lake with her iPad. Although she did take her first-ever yoga class, along with cooking and wine-tasting classes. She says she was so inspired she might actually use her kitchen. We'll see.

Claire loved that Club Getaway's "Boathouse" had none of what she hates about clubs in New York - a cover, overpriced drinks, or a snobby atmosphere. She was up dancing pretty late on Friday, but managed to wake up in time to hit the massive brunch buffet the next morning. Of course, she bragged that she worked off the three pancakes and omelet by staying active all day. And she actually met the guy she's now dating during the Saturday afternoon softball game.

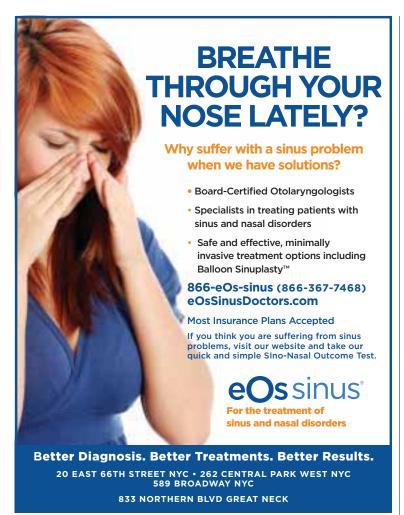
Even though we often split up to do activities on our own, it was easy for us to meet up

Club Getaway Calendar

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throughout the weekend to work in plenty of bonding time. We joined a hike together, met up for meals, danced at the Boathouse each night, and sat around the campfire regaling over the days' events.

I have to say it was perfect. We finally found what we were each looking for in a vacation. We're already checking out clubgetaway.com to plan our next adventure.



Employers win contraception mandate case

Supreme decision. The ruling means employees will have to obtain some forms of birth control elsewhere.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday ruled that business owners can object on religious grounds to a provision of President Barack Obama's health care law that requires closely held private companies to provide health insurance that covers birth control.

In a 5-4 vote on ideological lines, the justices said that such companies can seek an exemption from



Do you agree?

Employers should have right to chose what forms of birth control health plans provide, based on religious beliefs.

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the so-called birth control mandate of the law known as Obamacare.

Signs carried by demonstrators offered contrasting views. One man, dressed up as a copy of the Bible, brandished a sign saying, "Use me, not for your bigotry." REUTERS

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Tests. Pistorius had no mental disorder at time of shooting

Oscar Pistorius, the South African sprinter on trial for murder for shooting his girlfriend, was not suffering from a mental condition at the time she was killed, a psychiatric report said on Monday.

Pistorius has admitted to shooting dead his model girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, but maintains he mistook her for an intruder hiding in his toilet.

The trial, which began in March, took a monthlong break to allow the 27-year-old to undergo tests at Pretoria's Weskoppies hospital after a forensic psychologist brought by the defense testified he



had an anxiety disorder.

The defense has only a few more witnesses to call before the trial reaches the verdict stage.

Judge Thokozile Masipa said it was important to find out whether the condition affected his criminal responsibility.

Quoted

"At the time of the alleged offenses, the accused did not suffer from a mental disorder or mental defect that affected his ability to distinguish between the rightful or wrongful nature of his deeds." Prosecutor Gerrie Nel, in a report submitted to the court

Central America

Most kids who entered the US illegally will be returned home

President Barak Obama sent a letter to Congress on Monday asking for additional resources to deal with the problem of unaccompanied minors entering the country and creating a humanitarian

Obama repeated on Monday that most of those children would be sent home.

The death of reform legislation puts Obama in the awkward position of studying new ways to help the undocumented workers who have been in the country for years while getting tougher on juveniles who are entering now. **REUTERS**







OMG! Meet the five-time reigning wife-carrying champ of the world

Taisto Miettinen, an insurance lawyer from Helsinki, Finland, never thought of himself as a sportsman. But this 49-year-old now has the prestige of being a champ at the Wife-carrying World Championships. Held July 4 in Sonkajärvi, Finland, the event sees men carrying their female partners while running through an obstacle course. Miettinen was first introduced to the sport in the late '90s. "I had no wife, that's why I started to search the Internet for a woman that would fit me. She does need to be my wife to be accepted by the rules," Miettinen told Metro.

What got you into wife-carrying? I always thought that I



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had strong legs, and so I wanted to prove it. I made a profile on a dating website and started my research for the lightly built woman ranging from 46 to 49 kilograms [102 to 110 pounds] in weight. I sent many messages explaining the competition, and many girls answered. I chose Kristiina [Haapanen] to be



my partner because she was the first who contacted me and she is exactly 49 kilograms — that's the minimum a woman needs to be for the race.

How did you practice? Just three times through the course before a competition. We also meet in the pub for that! DMITRY BELYAEV/MWN

Facebook scores on **World Cup comments**

Two more weeks.

The tournament is set to break new records as the biggest social media event to date.

With 1 billion posts, likes and comments in just the first half of the World Cup, the soccer tournament is already the most talked-about event in decade-long Facebook's history, data obtained by Reuters showed.

"People are having conversations on Facebook about what they watch in a really unprecedented scale," Nick Grudin, the company's director of partnerships, told Reuters.

"In addition to sharing and connecting with friends, people are engaging in real time with the



Interactions

The soccer conversation measured between June 12 and June 29 involved 220 million people and 1 billion interactions, the Facebook data showed.

media and the public voices they care about most."

Facebook is the latest social media company to capitalize on TV-related

Mobile devices

The record numbers were possible because of widespread mobile penetration. Seven out of 10 users globally connect to the network from mobile devices

traffic around big events like the World Cup, a trend started years ago by the microblog website Twitter, **reuters**

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SeaWorld San Diego

Dozens stuck for hours on ride after power failure

A SeaWorld San Diego elevator ride with dozens aboard was stuck some 220 feet above ground for four

hours on Sunday after a power failure, officials said.

A 17-year-old boy suffering from anxiety and hyperventilation was taken to a hospital after park workers lowered the Sky-Tower ride and evacuated the passengers.

We were there stand-



ing by in case we were needed but we weren't," said Lee Swanson of the San Diego

Fire-Rescue Department. The passengers disembarked the ride at about 7:30 p.m. **REUTERS**



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Most common stock market mistakes

I teach more than 5,000 students how to profit consistently in the stock market, but time and again I see people making the same mistakes. If you want to thrive and be wealthy, don't be quilty of these sins:

Mistake No. 1: getting married to your stocks

Human beings want to be loved for long periods of time, and that's why so many of us get married. Over the past 100 years, the U.S. stock market has risen dramatically, so those who invested long-term and "got married" to their stocks

have been rewarded handsomely. But times change. Nowadays, many marriages end in divorce, many should end sooner than later and the U.S. stock market does not reward long-term investors as it once did. Don't get married to your stocks; think of them more as teenage love affairs — passionate and fun, but not lifelong relationships.

Mistake No. 2: not accepting losses

We're all wrong at various points in our lives, but we're usually able to cut our losses and move on instead

of wallowing in self-pity and inaction, especially in the stock market. Sadly, far too many people refuse to accept their financial losses and do everything they can to avoid dealing with their mistakes. They double up on their position, or even triple it as the price goes against them, rationalizing that by dip-buying, they will eventually enjoy greater rewards when proved right.

But because most traders and investors lose in this game, adding to a losing position usually only adds to their pain in the end. Don't put yourself in this situation; losses can be a very slippery slope, and most big losses begin as small losses that can be cut quickly by

admitting the mistake and moving on.

Mistake No. 3: trusting tips

Speculating on stocks is practically a national pastime. Unfortunately, academic studies show that the majority of people who invest and trade based on their gut feelings lose more often than they win, and the odds of success are worse than going to the casino.

Don't gamble in the stock market. If you want to invest, buy quality blue-chip companies, and remember not to get married to them, and ignore speculative, long-shot tips.

Up: Ronaldo prevented the U.S. men's soccer team from beating Portugal, but in his next game he scored the winning goal to beat Ghana and push the U.S.



Down: U.S. women's goalkeeper Hope Solo got into trouble with the law AGAIN, and Uruguay soccer star Luis Suarez bit an opponent AGAIN. Lock these people un—they don't learn!



What we're into this week

I saw Kevin Costner's latest bomb "Draft Day" and was thoroughly entertained by its juvenile attempts at plot twists during the movie's mock draft.



SnapChat has expanded from simply photo-based messages to include "stories" which are experience montages shared by users during live events like EDC.

New iPhone 6 rumors indicate that the new phone will be introduced in September with more features than we'll know what to do with.

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Ladies, you could have done BETter

The women at the BET Awards must have thought the "B" stood for "boobs." Almost every one of them strutting down

CULTURE One more

Keke Palmer

Remember Keke Palmer's nnocent days, when "True Jackson VP"? The top part of this dress is actually kinda cool and goddesslike. But the cutouts at her upper thigh are just weird. What



Erica Hubbard is beautiful, but her BET Awards outfit looks like something you'd buy on the discount rack at Frederick's of Hollywood. If your underwear is showing, it means what you're wearing is for the bedroom only — even if it's floor length.



Kyla Pratt

Kyla Pratt looks like a mermaid caught in a net. She's also about a half-inch away from exposing her nether regions. The actress might be on "Let's Stay Together," but this look screams "Let's get it together."



Faith Evans

Faith Evans is a very talented singer. Unfortunately her talent does not extend to awardsshow dressing. She looks like a businesswoman trying to get a raise in all the wrong ways. Her ivory dress looks illfitting, and the exposed black bra is just sloppy.



Gabrielle Union

The worst part about Gabrielle Union's ensemble is that she would have nailed the look if it weren't for those ridiculous thigh-high black boots. If only she had paired her dress with strappy heels, she would be on everyone's best-dressed list today.



Nadia Buari

Nadia Buari looks like a cross between Maid Marian and Wonder Woman. The dress itself is beautiful, but the sleeves take it into toomuch-fabric territory and her bedazzled cobalt heels make it look cheap.

Talking points

Bynes' bongtossing case tossed out of court

Remember when Amanda Bynes was publicly unraveling, wearing weird wigs, getting in ugly Twitter wars and throwing bongs out of windows? OK, so it was actually only one bong. She threw it from the 36th floor of her Manhattan

residence last May, which led to reckless endangerment charges (because a bong falling 36 stories can be deadly, not to mention make for an embarrassing obituary) and marijuana possession. But yesterday, according to the Associated Press, a Manhattan judge dismissed the charges after Bynes' attorney submitted an affidavit that said that the actress had complied with

the court's requirements of staying out of trouble and attending counseling twice a week. So is this the last we'll see of Amanda Bynes in this gossip column? In February she had her day in court for her 2012 alcohol-related reckless driving charge. Now there are no charges from those erratic days left to reckon with. It's been real. Amanda! Thanks for being you.

This week in Shia LaBeouf news

Shia LaBeouf got something out of his arrest for making a scene during a Broadway performance of "Cabaret." A rep for Liza Minnelli - who starred in the film version — tells E! News he sent LaBeouf a DVD copy of the film: "I figured he may want to find out how it ends," he says.

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Comedy writing isn't always funny

Poking a Dead Frog



Pop culture.

Eavesdrop on author Mike Sack's conversations with comedy's top writers in "Poking A Dead Frog."

Crafting comedy isn't funny business. Between writing "And Here's The Kicker: Conversations with 21 Humor Writers About Their Craft" and his new book "Poking a Dead Frog: Conversations With Today's Top Comedy Writers," Mike Sacks has learned that humor writers are pretty peculiar.

"I'm not sure if [humor writers] are more obsessive than people in other professions, but they can be obsessive about writing and getting better," Sacks says. "If you want to be a success, you have to be obsessive. It's not like Mel Brooks stopped working. There's an obsessiveness within him of wanting to succeed after others may view him as having achieved all there is to achieve."

In addition to Mel Brooks, Sacks also interviewed Bill Hader, Will Tracy (who writes headlines for The Onion), Amy Poehler, Paul Feig ("Freaks and Geeks," "Arrested



Development," "Bridesmaids"), James Downey ("Saturday Night Live") and many more for the book.

On top of being obsessive, Sacks has found humor writers to be extremely sensitive, which is interesting considering that they make themselves completely vulnerable in their chosen career field. "If someone doesn't laugh at what you do, it's like pointing out that you're ugly. It's very, very hurtful," Sacks says.

Of all the humor writers and comedians Sacks has interviewed over the years, the person who surprised him most was 97-year-old Peg Lynch, who wrote for a popular radio show called "Ethel

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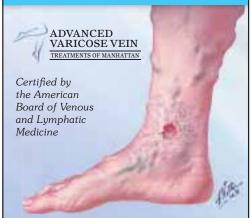
For Sack's favorite people to follow on Twitter, go to Metro, us/books.

and Albert" in the 1940s and 1950s. "I called her out of the blue, and we spent two hours talking. After doing more research, I found out that she actually invented the sitcom form."

But whether it's writing for a radio show in the 1940s or penning the opening dialogues for today's late-night talk shows, Sacks says that some things about humor writing have stayed the same: "The basics are still there. You have to surprise the audience by connecting with the character. And the character hasn't changed. It's humans acting as humans and us laughing at their foibles."

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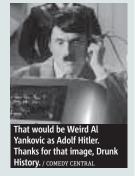
'Rizzoli & Isles'

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COMEDY

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'All That Heaven Allows'

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It's said that filmmaker Douglas Sirk — cherished for his "women's pictures from the 1950s - slipped subversion and satire past audiences. But it's hard to see how anyone could miss the harsh lesson of 1955's "All That Heaven Allows," about the May-December romance between a well-off widow (Jane Wyman) and a much younger, studly gardener (Rock Hudson). It's all right there on screen: The snooty country club regulars and Wyman's awful children do their best to kill the couple's love. Sirk was openly attacking '50s America, possibly subtly referencing Hudson's real-life alternative lifestyle. (No, not that one: his bohemian utopia far from the rigid populace that made Sirk's movies monster hits.)

But you can stream this

'Transformers: The Premake'

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YouTube

Two hours and twenty whole minutes shorter than the new "Transformers" and a great deal more entertaining, Kevin B. Lee's quicksilver "Transformers: The Premake" is a kind of found-footage deconstruction of the latest Michael Bay behemoth. In it, Lee pieces together YouTube clips by civilians capturing

the making of the film. Among its subjects are the way fandom has been used by the studios as free marketing, Hollywood's increasing union with China and whether tax breaks in cities such as Detroit are actually benefiting flailing local economies. It doesn't actually come to conclusions; there is no narration and minimal captioning. Viewers can watch the footage and come to any epiphanies on their own.

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'Journey to the West: Conquering the Demons'

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It's been awhile since Stephen Chow ("Kung Fu Hustle") dazzled with an outsized martial arts comedy fitted with ridiculous, Looney Tunes-style special effects. His latest doesn't feature him performing, but his presence is felt everywhere else. It's a spotty but frequently delightful

Sirk was a master stylist who with 'Heaven' truly outdid himself: The colors change like a mood ring attached to Wyman's finger. But the best effect of all is Wyman herself, who outdoes even Julianne Moore in the film's quasiremake "Far From Heaven." She holds everything in. Part of her anguish could be autobiographical: Newly divorced from Ronald Reagan, Wyman likely knew that at the Hollywood-ancient age of 38 she would soon be put out to the pasture of television. Indeed, that adds another level to the horrific scene in which her children bequeath her a new television set - a



symbol of her loneliness and of . Wyman's dreaded future.

Included on Criterion's predictably bounteous new edition is Mark Rappaport's 1992 documentary 'Rock Hudson's Home Movies,' which heads into the fray of the actor's secret life, exhaustingly combing over his clips for gay subtexts that may or may not have been put there as personal in-jokes by Hudson himself. But it goes beyond being merely funny (note the many older male "mentors" in his films) to a deeply moving, tragic portrait of someone forced to hide his real self from his adoring fans.



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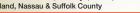
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On demand. A new indie, "Mutual Friends," will only be released on VOD. That was the plan.



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Time was - and for the most part, still is - that movies weren't taken seriously unless they had a theatrical release. The new microbudgeted dramedy "Mutual Friends" — which follows various New Yorkers who eventually congregate at a party - won't be released theatrically, but the people behind the film didn't want it to be. Today it becomes available across every on-demand platform.

That was essentially our plan from the start, says Matthew Watts, the director and one of several co-writers of the film. "Fewer people are going to theaters now. Theatrical is essentially [for] blockbusters. Releasing an inde-pendent film theatrically doesn't even make sense unless you have a couple million dollars to support it - even on the indie level."

"Mutual Friends" is far from the first film to embrace a purely digital, athome life; Edward Burns has been doing it for years. But its reach is unusually wide, thanks to the outsidethe-box thinking of its distributor, FilmBuff, a company that tries to find the most cost-effective ways to get as many people as possible to see its movies.

"You can be anywhere now," Watts says. "You can be in the back seat of a caravan in Illinois watching 'Mutual Friends.'"

Watts conceived the film as an experiment: He'd reach out to other writer friends, they'd write



A VOD history

- An early form of VOD occurred in England in 1994. The Cambridge Digital Interactive Television Trial beamed content to 250 homes and some schools. But content proved hard to find, and the project closed two years later.
- The first fully commercial VOD service began in 1998, also in England, with Kingston Communications. At its height, it had 15,000 subscribers.
- In 2007 filmmaker-actor Edward Burns' "Purple Violets" became the first film to premiere on iTunes
- By 2010, with the rise of Netflix Instant, 80 percent of Americans had watched video online.



to meet "Mutual Friends" star Caitlin FitzGerald.



their own short films then he'd combine them. Originally, the individual story lines varied in tone, from farcical to heavy drama. "We realized the [better] way to do it would be to find a theme, cut down the characters, combine others and really make it more of a 90-minute comedy.'

Watts is happy to be working during a rare good time for independent movies, which now have more of a chance of being seen. But he admits that a theatrical release still carries strong cachet for filmmakers. "It's sad, honestly," he says. "It's great seeing a film shown in a dark, quiet theater with a rapt audience. That's still the goal and the dream.'

Watts says the future isn't secure or foreseeable for how audiences will watch movies: "I don't know what's going to happen in the next two or three years."

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The breakthrough: actor Pierre Niney

Introductions. A

young French actor makes his name as the fashion icon in "Yves Saint Laurent."

What he knew about Yves Saint Laurent: "I have no history with the guy. I knew the silhouette, the glasses, the empire and the idea of perfection in his work — but nothing

How he feels about fashion: "I don't have a specific passion for fashion. Jalil [Lespert, director] didn't, either. He told me

he wanted to do a movie

about destiny and legend.

It was about a man chasing his dreams and a couple living together. How do you live with a genius? Ít wasn't about fashion. If it had been, I wouldn't have done the

On playing a character who starts off shy and becomes extroverted as he gets into drugs:

There's a shyness to him. But at the same time, when he's with his closest friends and [his partner] Pierre Berge, he was doing impressions."

When Berge visited the set: "He came just once. He was in tears during the scene he watched,

because we had the real

what was happening in his head."

On filming in Saint Laurent's Marrakesh home: "Pierre still lives there. And he still has Yves Saint Laurent's desk. Same thing in Paris. His last dog who's still alive is there. He came in and laid down on my feet. And the guy who takes care of the dog said he hadn't done that since Yves' death. There was a physical memory of the people."

On American acting: "I love this language. It's really playful for an actor — the musicality of it. And it's cinema I grew up

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dresses. I can't imagine

Pierre Niney Where you've seen him: At 25, the French actor Niney has only had a few film roles, including in the romantic comedy "It Bov." Where he is now: His big break is playing the title character in "Yves Saint Laurent," about the late fashion Where he's going: It was announced he'll be in "The Odyssey," based on a book by Jean-Michel Cousteau. @mattprigge

Becoming Yves

On preparing for the role

"I worked with numerous different coaches. One was for the drawing part, because Jalil wanted me to draw for real in the movie. I worked with a girl who worked for him for 15 years near the end of his life. Then I worked with a physical trainer to make a proper evolution of the body. And with a stylist. I had to learn about how a fashion house runs, how to make a dress, the codes and vocabulary, so I could feel comfortable and confident on the set. I also listened to at least two or three hours of him speaking every day."



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UAE. The young metropolis has big aspirations.

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But, yes: You will have access to the best of everything. World-renowned chefs helm all types of restaurants, from steak houses to sushi bars. Dubai is home to the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, and the world's tallest hotel, the five-star JW Marriott Marquis. If the places you're visiting don't come with superlatives, your tour guide will be happy to fill in the blanks for you liberally. Everything is the first, the best, nonpareil.



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walking Jumeirah Beach.

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try the all-inclusive Atlantis The Palm Dubai. It boasts its own aquarium, water park, spa, beachfront, 23 dining venues and unmatched views of the iconic man-made Palm Islands. If, for some reason, you still want to venture to the mainland, you

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The youthful optimism and high energy make the city worth visiting now; in a decade, Dubai will likely be unrecognizable - for better or worse.



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.fryingpanadventures.com). Though many theme parks are set to open soon in what's known as Dubailand (such as Universal Studios Dubai and a Marvel Superheroes Theme Park), you may prefer exploring Global Village — an expansive marketplace, open seasonally, with rides and games that rival any fair. This is where you'll find the locals having family nights and romantic rendezvous. Dress conservatively, and try to pace yourself with all of the tempting snacks (do not miss the PappaRoti stand, you'll thank us later).

'Blues Clues' creator debuts new show

Kids' shows.

"Creative Galaxy" aims to artistically inspire the preschool set.

Amazon Studios just began airing "Creative Galaxy," a new show from Angela Santomero, the creator of "Blues Clues," which is a favorite among parents and children. In a time when art education is in peril, the show encourages kids to be creative. Here, Santomero gives us the inside scoop.

What's the premise of the new show?

It's an interactive creative adventure series that we made with the goal of getting kids to be creative problem solvers and show ways that they can use art as a resource for life. We created a world that's an entire galaxy, and each planet is a different art medium, such as painting, paper or sculpting. The main character is named Artie: he's a little kid alien and takes the audience on his adventures. There's always a problem that he has to use art to solve.

Coming up with a main character that really connects to kids is so



important. What were some of the things you considered when creating Artie?

We weighed so many things. We did a lot of research and found that girls are more likely to

than boys. So we decided to do a boy character who could be any kid in a lot of ways.

What about some of the

What about some of the other characters?

iump into an art project

We try to show all sorts of kids that the audience will be able to relate to. There's one kid on the show who finds it hard to do art because he can't sit still. Then he learns about splatter painting, which shows that you don't have to be still to do art

Are there other educational concepts that you try to include in the series?

Yes. The show has a lot of creative problem-solving and

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community by helping a

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Letters

Good citizen doesn't mean good *qun owner*

Re: 'Guns make some safer' (Metro, June 26-29) The shooters from Columbine, Virginia Tech, Newtown, the post offices in the 1980s and 1990s, etc., were not goons and thugs, but apparently honest, responsible Américans. Ówning a gun doesn't make you any safer, firstly because thugs will not announce their intentions, and secondly because you and the people around you get exposed to fatal accidents. Gun control is not about confiscating guns of honest citizens, it is about how they are bought, used and by whom. LAURENT BRUN, VIA EMAIL

I get annoyed when a so-called responsible gun owner whines that gun control means taking guns away from lawabiding, responsible gun owners. If responsible gun owners were actually responsible, there would be no incidents of children getting access to a gun and accidentally killing another child.

Gun control laws could help screen out mentally unstable people from obtaining guns. Gun control laws could prevent the goons and thugs from legal gun shows or straw purchases.

KEVIN VALENTINE, VIA EMAIL

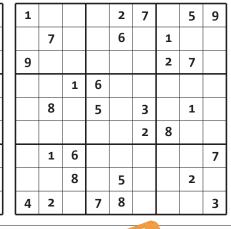
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- 25 Picnic intruder
- 26 Kind of knight
- 30 "Tiny Bubbles" singer (2
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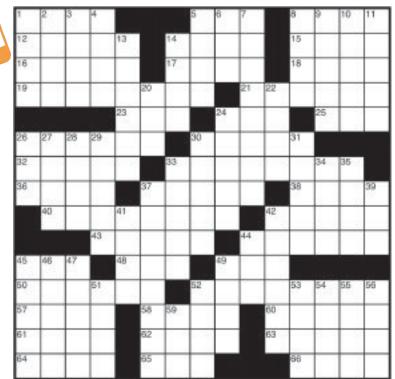
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World Cup preview: US versus Belgium

World Cup. The United States faces powerful Belgium in the second round with elimination on the line.

The standard for the U.S. national team will be to make the second round, now that the program has advanced to the knockout stages for a second straight World Cup. But Belgium will be a huge test on Tuesday (4 p.m., ESPN) and might keep this impressive run from going forward.

The Yanks played Belgium in a friendly last summer, losing 4-2. The Americans were a step slow, as they were outclassed by one of the better nations in Europe. Four days later, the United States rebounded for a 4-3 win over Germany. They hope to reverse those results Tuesday.

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US starters

The United States went to five midfielders for its game against Germany and we think they'll keep Jozy Altidore on the bench to substitute late. Head coach Jurgen Klinsmann went with Brad Davis in the midfield against Germany, but subbed in Alejandro Bedoya in the 59th minute. We believe Bedoya reverts back to starter Tuesday.

- Goal: Tim Howard
- **Defenders**: DeMarcus Beasley, Matt Besler, Geoff Cameron, Fabian Johnson
- Midfield: Jermaine Jones, Kyle Beckerman, Michael Bradley, Alejandro Bedoya, Graham Zusi
- Forward: Clint Dempsey

Three reasons the US will struggle ...

1Belgium is better Eden Hazard, the star attacking midfielder for English giants Chelsea, and Romelu Lukaku, who scored 15 goals on loan for Everton last year, are incredibly dangerous up front. But Hazard has been a little erratic this tournament and Lukaku has been subbed out twice in group stage. Despite this, Belgium is a good team and bound to start clicking sooner rather than later. The Americans hope it will be after this tournament.

2Backline woes Geoff Cameron looked shaky in the center of the United States defense against Portugal, while Omar Gonzalez looked lost at times against Germany. The Americans have to be neat and tidy with

doubtful for Tuesday's

match. In addition, mid-

Belgium's strong midfield and attack. They need to clear the ball, stay compact and not break down. It is easier said than done for a back four that has struggled the past year.

3Not ready for 90

The good news is Jozy Altidore is back and jogging after a hamstring pull in the first game of the group stage. He has missed the last two games, but was cleared Monday to play in the match against Belgium. With that being said, he likely won't be ready to start and the Ŭnited States desperately needs a jolt to the attack. Perhaps he gets fully fit in time for the quarterfinals.





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Three reasons the US will succeed ...

1 They believe they will win

This American side is playing well and consistently right now. Since that loss to Belgium last May, the national team has gone 20-4-3, including impressive victories over European opposition such as Bosnia and Herzegovina last fall and recently Turkey, not to mention the result against Portugal last week. Belgium isn't playing as dominant as it did last summer, lacking some spark in the final third. Despite a rather lackluster showing against the Germans, the Americans are playing well and might be peaking at the right time.



Belgium is battling fielder Steven Defour is injuries and form, parout for this match after ticularly along the back receiving a red card in the final game of the line. Pivotal defenders group stage. This isn't Vincent Kompany and Arsenal captain an ideal starting 11 for Thomas Ver-Belgium and given maelen are the Americans' woeful attack so far this both listed as VINCENT KOMPANY WOULD BE A HUGE LOSS IF HE DOES NOT PLAY AGAINST THE AMERICANS.

tournament, it might balance the pitch a bit more than last summer in Cleveland.

3Current form Belgium looked OK, but not great, with three opening-round wins in what was arguably the weakest group in the tournament. Meanwhile, the Americans were tested in the lead-up to the World Cup with an impressive 2-1 win over Turkey and another solid win over Nigeria. In three group matches, they faced two of the top four sides in the world in the "Group of Death" and advanced anyway. They have a shot to win here if they can play somewhere between their dazzling style against Portugal and their woeful, packit-in mentality against Germany.









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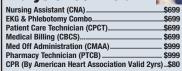
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